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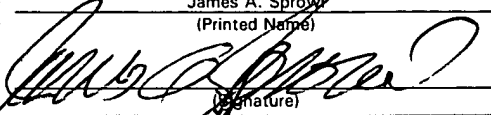
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Title: Method and System for  
Compressing Digitized  
Fingerprint Images by a Uniform  
Degree of Compression

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is the nonprovisional utility patent application of:

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (35 pages).
- ☒ Formal drawings (8 sheets, Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9).
- ☒ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to NEC Solutions (America), Inc..
- ☒ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.

- ☒ Check in the amount of \$40.00 for Assignment recordation.
- ☐ Small Entity statement.
- ☐ Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of \_\_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).
- ☐ Claim for Convention Priority.

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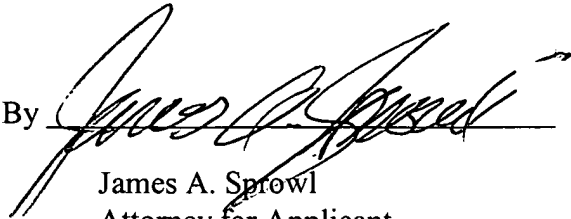
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